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he'd like to do, so why don't I make that motion to bracket until May 14th.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Landis a question or two, if I may.

SENATOR CROSBY: Mr. Landis, will you yield for a question?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Landis, I was prepared this morning to discuss the bill and did not know this motion would be offered, so can you let me know, and anybody else interested, why the bracket is being undertaken?

SENATOR LANDIS: Sure. On the vote the last time we were there, the amendment got 24 votes and the difficulty is that I have colleagues that would like the tax to stay high, what the bill was originally, 66 cents. I have colleagues that would support the bill at 30 cents, a number of them, but not enough to be successful. I have some colleagues that would like the tax to be less and would support a bill with less tax, and I have colleagues that, if the bill was to have a lower tax rate, would stop supporting the bill. And I then have a need to assess the lay of the land to find out what can be successful and what can't be successful, whether or not it approximates the theory that I brought originally for the bill, and I was looking for May 14th as an opportunity to make sure I had an in-depth summary of all of my colleagues' preferences to see if there's something that could be done on the topic of cigarette taxes this session.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And, Senator Landis, you're more brave than I am and if you thought of this you would sing (singing) I've got troubles, I've got troubles.

SENATOR LANDIS: (Laugh)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In view of what Senator Landis gave by way of explanation, I withdraw my objection.